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From the plan included in the prospectus of the above Exhibition published in November, 1958, it will be observed that space has been set aside for Society exhibits which, incidentally, will not be eligible for competition. Provisional application has been made on behalf of our Circle for two frames (32 standard album pages) and members, including those who intend to show individually, who are willing to give their support by loaning not more than three pages of material of high standard are requested to advise our Hon. Secretary as soon as possible. The first issue of the Exhibition Magazine is now available which gives up-to-date news of progress since the publication of the prospectus. It includes the names of the International Jury and an article entitled "A Look of London" in which stamp designs with a London background are described. A subscription of 30s will ensure the receipt of this magazine and subsequent issues, the Exhibition Catalogue, the final Report and an entrance ticket valid for the first day or any other day, a commemorative cover posted on the opening day and any other exhibition souvenirs which may be issued. For an additional 10s a season ticket for the duration of the exhibition will be available. Members who have not already subscribed the minimum of 30s are advised to do so without delay. Remittances should be sent to the Organising Secretary, 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.l,

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

This took place in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and was attended by 19 members with Cmdr. G. Bridgmore Brown in the chair. The chairman welcomed those present and read a letter from the President in which he expressed his regret at being unable to attend and wishing the members a successful meeting. The Hon. Secretary was requested to reply to Mr. Collett's letter expressing the hope that his health would soon improve.

The minutes of the 4th Anniversary meeting held on March 29th 1958 were read by the Hon. Secretary and signed as correct. Arising therefrom the chairman asked the Hon. Secretary how the Circle stood in respect of outstanding subscriptions to which the Hon. Secretary replied that the majority had been paid.

The Hon. Secretary then presented his report on the progress of the Circle for the past year and on the state of the membership. For the present season (subscriptions were due on February 1st) approximately 21 members had not yet paid their subscriptions - these he said were mostly overseas members; air letters had been sent to them as he was most anxious not to lose support from any overseas. The total membership now stood at 190. Commenting on this, the chairman asked if it would help to request members to pay two years' subscription at one time. Messrs A. E. Beach and C. Patrick queried if it would be practicable to allow 5 years' subscription for the price of 4. To both of which suggestions the Hon. Secretary replied 'No' - as either might lead to the thought that the financial position was not too good which was, in fact, far from the case.

Balance Sheet and Accounts: These appeared in the April issue of the Bulletin, from which it would be seen that an amount of £15 had been transferred from the Sales Circuit account. Towards the end of the year Mr. Crow (Hon. Secretary Sales Circuit) was waiting for another packet to be finalised, so nothing further was transferred then, but £12 had since been transferred from the balance to the general account by way of commission. The chairman stated the Circle's finances were well up on the year.

The adoption of the Hon. Secretary's and Hon. Treasurer's Report and the Accounts were moved from the chair and carried unanimously. With regard to the building up of the Publications' Fund it was suggested that a further £25 should be transferred to the account opened for this purpose last year. Both the Chairman and Hon. Secretary further suggested that £50 could be so transferred. This was seconded by Mr. E. V. Toeg and carried unanimously.

Sales Circuit: Mr. Crow presented his report on the work of the Circuit for the past year. Approximately just under £14 arose from commission and gifts. He was faced by a dwindling of material and stated that until more material was forthcoming fewer packets could be circulated. The chairman said that after the initial impetus, it did seem as if members were not exerting themselves to produce as many sheets as they might and he earnestly requested them to do their best to support Mr. Crow in his work. Mr. J. B. Marriott said that one difficulty might be due to the time factor, to which Mr. Crow replied that he was trying to speed this up. It was suggested that a note might be inserted in the Bulletin as to when Packets were being circulated and a reminder given to members of the date by which material should, be sent in for inclusion - this would give members a target to which to work.

The chairman then gave a review of the work of the Publications Committee. The Committee had met twice during the last year and one useful thing which had been done had been to make a general survey of the research position of all the 18 colonies with which the Circle is concerned, and it would appear that active work was going on with some 8 of the colonies, viz. Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana cancellations, Grenada, Jamaica and St. Vincent. In addition, Mr. Beach was tackling Tobago and Mr. Marriott, Trinidad, but even so there were not as many active leaders as one would like. Dr. de Burca was working on St. Lucia, but more research leaders were still required. It would be useful if a list was published in the Bulletin of the research leaders which are active with an invitation for volunteers for the other colonies. The Committee needed a new survey of members' interests and there were probably many who were not actually specialists, but who might well be able and prepared to contribute something. The chairman suggested that a note be included in the next issue of the Bulletin asking these members to contribute some notes even if they do not specialise - thus furnishing an up-to-date register of members' interests. At the last Anniversary meeting the chairman mentioned that the Committee considered it would be useful to compile notes on the general aspects of the postal history of the West Indies, i.e. those aspects which are common to several colonies. Mr. Britnor had written many pages of material which is now being circulated to one or two members for comment and should be completed within the next few months. The Sub-Committee recommend that this should be duplicated, quarto size with paper cover and possibly 400 or 500 copies and sold for a matter of shillings with a reduced price to members. Mr. Benwell had kindly stated that he could obtain the necessary paper through the trade at advantageous terms to the Circle. The chairman asked if anyone had access to the use of a duplicator so that the work could be got on with as soon as possible, and Mr. Patrick kindly volunteered to place a duplicating machine at the Circle's disposal. A final discussion then ensued, led by the chairman as to the style to be adopted and it was agreed also that the publication should be circulated both within and without the Circle. One other recommendation by the Sub-Committee concerned Mr. Ludington's forthcoming book on Bermuda which was to be published by Robson Lowe, Ltd. Mr. Ludington was now adding chapters on postal history and it was recommended by the Sub-Committee that the Circle should place at his disposal all research material that could be gathered rather than produce anything on this aspect on our own, due acknowledgement to be given to the Circle. It was agreed that the Circle should place such research material at Mr. Ludington's disposal.

Election of Officers: There being no nominations the following Officers, who offered themselves for re-election, were deemed to be re-elected en bloc:- President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Hon. Secretary Sales Circuit.

Election of Committee: Miss R. Titford and Messrs L. E. Britnor, G. W. Groves and F. Myers offered themselves for re-election, and were re-elected en bloc. The remaining Committee member - Mr. J. J. Turner - had resigned for reasons of health and the following member had been nominated to take his place:-

Mr. B. B. Benwell. Proposed by the Hon. Secretary and seconded by Miss R. Titford. Mr. Benwell was duly elected a member by the general assent of the meeting.

Election of Hon. Librarian: This was a new appointment and Miss R. Titford had volunteered to accept this office. Her election was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. L. E Britnor and carried unanimously.

Election of Hon. Editor: Since the Circle's foundation in 1954, the Hon. Secretary had been the 'back room' Editor and had seen the Bulletin through 21 issues. Owing to increasing demands on his time Mr. Saunders stated he now wished to he relieved of this responsibility, although he would continue to assist by attending to some of the regular features including the advertising matter. The following member had agreed to accept nomination for this office:-

Mr. B. B. Benwell. Proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Miss R. Titford, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman voiced the sincere thanks of the Circle to Mr. Saunders for all the good work he had done in producing some wonderful work, and added that in his view the Bulletin was the best issued by any specialist society.

Election of Hon. Auditor: Mr. A. J. Branston had expressed his willingness to continue in this office and on the proposition of Mr. E. V. Toeg and seconded by Mr. E. Shields Forshaw his election was carried unanimously. The Hon. Treasurer expressed the Circle's thanks to Mr. Branston for his valued services, to which the Hon. Auditor replied stating that the work of auditing the accounts was comparatively easy by reason of the efficient manner in which they were kept by the Hon. Treasurer.

The following members were appointed the Circle's Delegates to the 41st Philatelic Congress of Great Britain to he held at Torquay, from June 9th to 12th 1959: Miss R. Titford and Mr. G. W. Groves; proposed by Mr E. Shields Forshaw, seconded by Mr. A. E. Beach and carried unanimously.

The Autumn meeting; The Hon. Secretary announced that this would be held at 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, October 24th 1959 at 2.30 p.m.

Sussex Convention: It was intimated that the Association of Sussex Societies had invited the Circle to give a combined display of West Indies stamps, and volunteers for displays were requested. The following promised to attend and take displays: Cmdr. G. Bridgmore Brown (Bermuda), Messrs A. E. Beach (Tobago), B. B. Benwell (Barbados), A. J. Branston (Bahamas) and G. W. Groves (Antigua).

Under the heading of any other business, the Hon. Secretary stated that several members had asked for a list of members and their addresses to appear in the Bulletin, in order that members could contact each other. He said that if this request was adopted a lot of information useful to the Bulletin would not reach us, moreover there were quite a number of members who might not wish to have their addresses disclosed. After some discussion it was proposed that a fair compromise would be to publish names only with members' interests, at least annually as an inset to the Bulletin, and that the type should be kept standing each year. This was proposed by Mr. E. V. Toeg, seconded by Mr. A. E. Beach and carried unanimously.

1960 Exhibition: It was agreed that the Circle should apply for 2 frames and the names of those who would support the Circle's exhibit would be requested later.

It was decided that the date of future Anniversary Meetings of the Circle should take place on the Saturday preceding Easter in order that it should not clash with the Conference of the Society of Postal Historians.

With the conclusion of the formal business of the meeting, items of interest were shown by the following members:- **C. Patrick**: 4 covers from islands captured by the British showing Fleuron marks of Danish West Indies (St. Thomas 1811, 1814) and (Curacoa 1811, 1813). **F. Myers**: Barbados. Geo. VI some of the many interesting varieties appearing on the definitive issue of 1938. Bermuda and Leeward Islands: covers showing markings on U.S. stamps. **M. Steward**: Leeward Islands: A well-worked out study of the constant key plate flaws. **E. V. Toeg**: Leeward Islands: The 10/- and £1 K.G.V. issues including original die proofs. **P. T. Saunders**: Cayman Islands: A selection of interesting covers. **Lt.-Col. F. S. J. Norris**: Bermuda: Pre-adhesives with the Fleuron mark, of dates hitherto unrecorded, the third known copy of the first (small type) Fleuron dated De 2 1826. Comdr. C. Bridgmore Brown had a copy of the larger Fleuron dated 12 Mr 1828, thereby cutting down what had been a gap in this material between the years 1824 and 1830. Mr. Ludington regarded Colonel Norris's cover as unique as it was in black - others are known struck in red. An example of the large fleuron dated 29 Ja 1835 was also exhibited. **J. B. Marriott**: Trinidad: Lithographs, one from each printing of the 1d. blue, and two examples of the 1d. red, used. These latter two stamps obtained from separate sources had been re-united to form an original pair and are very rare used. A selection of covers with the 1862/3 1d. and 6d. were also included. **E. Shields Forshaw**: A fine selection of British Guyana covers included one of Berbice, 18 Nov. 1817 definitely a very early date. Also examples of some of the rarer lc. values and varieties on the Ship types. Demerara Railway and Berbice River cancellations all on the 2c. with all early dated copies and earliest recorded dates. **L. E. Britnor**: Leeward Islands: 1d. post card from Tortola with "JAMAICA TRANSIT" in black and c.d.s. of Tortola 13. 11. 1893, St. Thomas, 14. 11. 93, Jamaica 24. 11. 93 and Turks Islands 30. 11. 93. Letter from Trinidad to Bermuda bearing Trinidad 4d. blue cancelled 9. 8. 1872 and bearing "MISSENT TO JAMAICA" in black; this mark was sent out to Jamaica about 1840. Photograph of St. Michael's. Cornhill showing the Jamaica Coffee House on the left; date of publication of print, 21. 5. 1811. This is the first time a picture of the coffee house has been traced. **Cmdr. G. Bridgmore Brown**: Bermuda: Covers showing Hamilton '2' cancellation dated MR 12 70 and another dated AP 3 73. The 1874 3d. on l/- provisionals and 1875 1d. provisionals, also a selection of proofs of the Dock type of 1902/3 and subsequent proofs. **B. B. Benwell**: Two covers from Barbados showing handstruck stamps, one with 'REBUT' in black in an oval, and another in purple in a rectangle. Both were applied in North America and information was sought as to their origin.

Nearly 50 members and their guests attended the Dinner which followed the Fifth Anniversary meeting, at the Lord's Tavern, St. John's Wood. Comdr. G. Bridgmore Brown in the chair. After the Loyal Toast, proposed by the Chairman, Miss Eileen Evans, P.R.O., of the British Philatelic Association warmly proposed the toast to the Circle to which the Chairman ably responded. Miss R. Titford then proposed the toast to the Guests to which His Excellency the Dominican Ambassador, Dr. Luiz F. Thomen replied.

VISIT TO THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

On April 23rd your Hon. Secretary accompanied by Miss Rose Titford visited Glasgow and gave a display on behalf of the Circle, to a most enthusiastic audience. The following is a precis of the exhibits:- **BERMUDA**: Six pre-adhesives comprising one dated in 1822 from the Governor of Bermuda and sent probably by private ship: the earliest recorded use of the large Fleuron date-stamp (1828); 1842, "IRELAND ISLAND" in seriffed letters, one of three similar date-stamps sent out in 1841; 1847, "IRELAND ISLAND" in sans-serif letters, sent out in 1845 and a similar cover from St. Georges of 1848; 1861, "HAMILTON" in seriffed caps (the hand-stamp used later by Perot for his postmaster stamps), also a crowned circle "PAID AT HAMILTON, BERMUDA" (scarce). Then followed selected pages of the 1865/73 adhesives including Plate proofs of the 1d. and 3d. and the rare 1d. variety imperforate, several interesting and rare covers, one showing the 6d. rate by British packet with the scarce "Bermuda St. G." cancellation, another illustrating the 7d rate by U.S. packet, also a Soldier's letter with a 2d. at the privilege rate 1d. + 1d. via New York. The 1874 and 1875 surcharged provisionals were fully represented, unused and used. (Comdr. G. Bridgmore Brown.) **JAMAICA**: An outstanding selection of first issues with scarce pre-adhesive markings, die proofs, a fine study of the 4d. Pine wmk, with the 'Dollar' varieties on the l/-, various types of "Specimen" overprint, and mint multiples. (G. W. Collett.) **GRENADA**: G.B. used in Grenada, die proofs in black of the first 1d. and 6d. values; S.G.1, mint, S.G.2, mint block of 8; 1861/2, plate proofs in colour of the 1d, and 6d. All the subsequent issues were shown, mint and used, with many mint multiples, including all the major catalogue varieties such as the "SHLLIING" error, imperfs., no stop and "PENCF" varieties on the 2½d.'s. The various "POSTAGE" overprints were very strongly represented and a rare and unusual item was a manuscript "Postage" used on cover. (Geoffrey L. Pilkington.) **CAYMAN ISLANDS**: Commencing with a photograph of one of the few recorded pre-adhesives of which none are known to exist in private collections, this exhibit covered every phase of Cayman Islands' postal history from Jamaican stamps used in Caymans with the various types of cancellation: representation of the issued stamps from Q.V. to K.G.V; the 1907 provisionals; "Specimen" stamps and postal stationery. (Philip T. Saunders.) **BAHAMAS**: Examples of the straight-line "BAHAMAS" pre-adhesive followed by plate proofs in black on card and on India paper of the first 1d., 4d. and 6d., the Perkins, Bacon and De La Rue issues, mint and used, with shades. **ST. CHRISTOPHER**: A varied selection of pre-adhesives, the adhesives mint and used with mint multiples of the 1d. CC, perf. 12½ and perf. 14, (Miss Rose Titford.)

OUR CIRCLE MEETS IN SCOTLAND

Our Hon. Secretary and Miss Rose Titford received a warm welcome at an informal meeting of the Circle's members living in or near Edinburgh which was held in the Board room of the Standard Life Assurance Co. by the courtesy of our fellow member Mr. Graham L. Pullar, who unfortunately owing to illness was unable to attend.

The following is a brief review of some of the material which was shown and discussed, the names of those contributing appearing in parenthesis.

BAHAMAS: a fine display of the first Issues with the 1d S.G.2 in mint multiples; 1d., S.G.33 on thin and thick paper showing the constant plate flaws, 1863/80, 6d. plate proof in colour; 1884/98, colour trials made from the 1d. die, in unadopted colours, on wmk. CA paper; Staircase issue, colour trial of the 1d. in ultramarine and black: 1907/11, K.E.VII, "SPECIMEN" overprints, handstamped at the G.P.O. Nassau. (H. Moreton Black.) **BERMUDA**: An interesting selection of pre-adhesives, the rare 1d. CC, imperf. of which probably only one sheet was issued; the 2d. CC of 1866 on Soldier's letter illustrating the privilege rate 1d. + 1d. via New York. (Cmdr. G. Bridgmore Brown.) **JAMAICA**: Pre-adhesives, the straight-line "JAMAICA" with the earliest known date for any Jamaica postmark; interesting cancellations of Lacovia, Clarendon, Chapeltown and Port Maria on covers: various types of "SPECIMEN" on the pine wmk. stamps; die proofs; the 1d. pine, bisected and used on cover to Spanish Town: a study of the shades of the l/- pine wmk., including the yellow-brown on cover, the "$" variety with shades, and shown in a used pair. (G. W. Collett.) **JAMAICA**: K.G.VI, 1938/52, a study of the printings and shades and mint control blocks of the commemoratives. **ST. VINCENT**: K.G.V definitives, with shade varieties, (Ian W. D. Dickson.) **BAHAMAS**; Plate proofs in black on India paper and on card of the first issue 1d., 4d. and 6d. 1863/80, 4d. and 6d. shades and proofs. Proof of the K.E.VII series, in black on glazed card with value tablet blank and colour trials of the K.E.VII. 1902, 1d. (S. Graham Hoey.) **BERMUDA**: An interesting and well-produced study of the re-entries on the Ship type stamps, with master plate varieties, flaws and retouches. (Dr ? Mitchell.) **JAMAICA**: A fine series of pre-adhesives and Ship Letters including "GREENOCK SHIP" (two words, struck separately) (R.L. Type 1248) from Saltmarsh, Jamaica, dated in 1786: "IAMAICA" (with broad "M") dated 1789, a full fine strike; and the scarce "SPANISH TOWN JA" (in two lines) and without date (1815). Another scarce item was the postmark "COMMERCIAL ROOMS KINGSTON JAMAICA" dated 10 Jan. 1824. (Col. Saville Smith.) **CAYMAN ISLANDS**: An example of the 1st Georgetown cancellation on a pair of Jamaica Q.V. ½d. on cover. 1901, Q.V., singles and blocks of 4 of the ½d. and 1d. on cover to England. 1901/2, K.E.VII. 1d. (two) and ½d. on cover to Florida - covers of this period are extremely scarce. The surcharged provisionals of 1907, including the 1D. on 5/- on cover addressed to England. (Philip T. Saunders.) **BAHAMAS**: Pre-adhesives, plate proofs, and a selection of the Perkins, Bacon, and De la Rue issues, with S.G.1 on thick paper, used, and a 4d. CC, perf. 12½ used on an "ADVERTISED" cover. **ST. CHRISTOPHER**: A selection of pre-adhesives and the issued stamps. (Miss R. Titford.)

DISPLAY

Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies Convention, Brighton,

25th April, 1959

The Circle was invited to provide a display at the Spring Convention of the Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on 25th

April. Mr. A. J. Branston showed **BAHAMAS**, ranging from scarce early material down to interesting items in modern issues. Mr. B. B. Benwell compressed into some 20 sheets a quick survey of the chief types of postal markings and cancellations used in **BARBADOS** from 1762 to 1954. Mr. A. E. Beach showed part of his collection of **TOBAGO** and explained the many interesting varieties of the provisionals, Mr. E. Shields Forshaw followed with a selection of well chosen and scarce material illustrating the early postal history of **BRITISH GUIANA**, and Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown wound up with some early letters from **BERMUDA** bearing the date stamp subsequently used for the Hamilton Postmaster's, stamp, and the whole of the high values of K.G.VI classified by printings. The display was well received and evoked great interest.

AUTUMN MEETING

This will be held in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41, Devonshire Place, W.1. on Saturday, October 24th, at 2.30 p.m. In accordance with custom members attending are enjoined to bring along some pages from their collections for display and a note of any queries they wish to raise.

WANTS

Members who can supply any of these should send them quoting the price asked, to the Hon. Secretary for onward transmission. If the member requiring them desires to purchase, a remittance in favour of 'B.W.I. Study Circle' should be sent to the Hon. Secretary and the amount (less 10 per cent. and postage) will be remitted to the owner.

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Antigua : G. W. Groves
Bahamas : A. J. Branston
Barbados: L. E. Britnor & B. B. Benwell
Bermuda : G. Bridgmore Brown
British Guiana (cancellations) P. W. Hosking
Grenada: B. E. Johnson
Jamaica: G. W. Collett & W. H. H. Crow
Montserrat : C. Hardeman Smith
Nevis : Miss Rose Titford
St. Christopher : Miss Rose Titford
St. Lucia : Dr. B. de Burca
St. Vincent : G. W. Groves
Tobago : A. E. Beach
Trinidad : J. B. Marriott

Any Member, whether registered as interested in a particular colony or not, who has material likely to be of value for research, who possesses information likely to interest a Research Leader, or who would like to help in research work is invited to communicate with the appropriate Research Leader through the Hon. Secretary, who will willingly forward letters. Collectors interested in St. Lucia, Tobago and Trinidad are urgently wanted. Members willing to lead research work on colonies not mentioned above are also invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

NOTES & QUERIES

It will be appreciated that our Bulletin constitutes the vital link between us and is mainly dependent upon a steady flow of contributions from members. These, may either afford information or raise points upon which enlightenment is sought, and it will be helpful if SG. numbers are quoted wherever possible. In this connection it is essential that all communications are addressed to the Hon. Editor in order that publicity can be given in the Bulletin subject to his discretion.

SALES CIRCUIT

The Hon. Sec. of the Sales Circuit is still in urgent need of more material for the packets. Another packet is in the course of preparation and if members can find a few pages for insertion, will they please send them to W. H. Crow so that they arrive not later than July 15th. Remember - just one page from every member would make a sizeable packet. Just one page - PLEASE!

NOTES & QUERIES

BAHAMAS

"With reference to Dr. Garrard's query in Bulletin No. 19, p. 44. I wish to report that I have the 'J.H.P.' cancellation on S.G.123 (2/-) and 128 (6d) and the dates on both appear to be 24 MAR 1926. The cancellations are identical with an upward doubling of the date but not of the circle or the 'J.H.P.' initials. The stamps can be so placed that the portions of the cancellation on one are continued on the other so it would seem that originally they were on the same cover. There seems little doubt, therefore, that where these fiscal cancellations are found on values below 2/- there were other stamps on the same cover or package at the time."

(Contributed by Mr. Martin M. Sternfels - U.S.A.)

BAHAMAS

E.R.P. and T.H.P. Fiscal Cancellations

"There is a certain amount of information I can add to Mr. Hoey's notes on the above cancellations in Bulletin No. 18, p. 32, which was supplemented by Dr. Garrard in Bulletin No. 19, p. 44. There are two different types of the J.H.P. cancellation, the first as Mr. Hoey says is the same as the E.R.P. The second J.H.P. cancellation, which I call Type 3, is in a circle of the same 35mm. diameter as Types 1 and 2 but the letters 'J.H.P.' are smaller being approximately 5mm. high. The date is in a single line across the centre with letters and figures 3.5 mm. high as compared with 4.5mm. of the two line date in Types 1 and 2. In Type 3 the bottom segment is occupied by an ornamental feature in the form of a dot in the centre with small arrow heads pointing left and right. In my collection I have examples of the following:

Type 1. (E.R.P.) S.G.102 dated August 1918 S.G. 107 date unknown.

Type 2. (J.H.P.) S.G.81 dated 19.9.1921 S.G. 118 date unknown S.G.130 date unknown.

Type 1 and 2. S.G.79 date unknown.

Type 3 (J.H.P. two line) S.G.130 and 131 on piece (2 at 5/- and £1 dated 3.5.1926).

Like the previous contributors I would be interested to know what other stamps have been similarly used and also what was the real purpose of these cancellers. On quite a few occasions I have been offered similar cancellations, usually on the 5/- value, as genuinely postally used copies."

(Contributed by Mr. R. H. Austin, M.B.E.)

BAHAMAS

"The Post Office records show that a registered letter canceller was sent to the colony on 29th November 1860. This consists of a 20 mm. circle inscribed with 'NASSAU,' 'C,' the date, 'PAID' below the circle and 'REGISTERED' 39 mm. long in block letters 4 mm. high. The proof strike shows the letter 'R' with a very much thickened vertical stroke. It would be of interest to hear from any other members who

have examples of this strike giving the dates it was used and stating if the deformity referred to above is in evidence."

(Contributed by Mr. A. J. Branston.)

BAHAMAS

In connection with postmarks of the Bahamas, the following information might be of interest:

1. As of March, 1958, the Nassau, Bahamas Post Office used three single circle Nassau postmarks for ordinary mail (e.g. other than official, etc.). One was a hand stamp (Gisburn Type 22), 26 mm. in diameter with "Nassau" in letters 4 mm. high. This was apparently used for miscellaneous sized envelopes as well as small packages, etc. It also used two machine cancellations each of which was duplex:

A. A 22 mm. circle with "Nassau" at the top and "Bahamas" at the bottom both in letters of 2½ mm. high. In between in three lines were the day and month (in that order) on the first line, the time of day on the second line, and the year on the third line. Starting 12 mm. to the right of the circle and running off the envelope were seven wavy lines which covered 21 mm. from top to bottom vertically.

B. A 21 mm. circle with "Nassau, Bahamas" at the top in letters 3 mm. high, on the next line the month and the day (in that order) with the time on the next line and the year in a curve at the bottom. Incidentally the year 1958 was shown with the "19" in figures 3 mm. high and "58" in figures 2 mm. high and I have noticed this difference in the size of figures for similar postmarks in earlier years. Starting 10 mm. from the right of the circle were seven wavy lines running to the right, which measured 16 mm. from the top to the bottom vertically.

The Postmaster of the Bahamas told me that postmark A was of British manufacture and B was of American manufacture. This would seem to be borne out by the different order in which the day and month are stated.

The B in an oval of horizontal bars was still being used in the Nassau post office to cancel stamps on letters received from out-islands where the local postmark had not cancelled the postage stamp itself.

2. I am not sure whether the "fish's head" postmark, which one contributor thought was used at Tarpum Bay and another at Cat Cay, was ever definitely placed. I have five examples of it on a non-philatelic airmail cover, three on the King George V 1½d and two on K.G.V. 2½d with a 32 mm. single circle postmark of Cat Cay dated 18.1.37 in one line in the middle. All the postmarks are in a bluish green colour and the Cat Cay mark is not connected with the fish marks so that they are definitely not part of a duplex cancellation.

(Contributed by Mr. William Britton Stitt.)

BAHAMAS

GEORGE VI:- First colours of the 1d; 2d; 2½d & 3d values.

With reference to the Tables of Printings by Lt.-Col. R. C. M. Shelton, M.B.E., and W. J. W. Potter, the above are listed as follows:-

Cream paper 1938	*White paper* *1939/40. Col. Rel.*	White paper Sept. 1941	Sept. 1942	May 1943
1d. Carmine 150	*Carmine* *(Heavily shaded King's Head)*	Grey 150a	Slate-grey 150a	
2d. Slate-grey 152	*Grey* *(Heavily shaded King's Head)*	Scarlet 152a	Scarlet 152a	
2½d. Blue 153	*Blue* *(Heavily shaded King's Head)*	3d./2½d. Nov. '40 161		Violet 153a
3d. Pale Violet 154	*Dull Violet* *(Heavily shaded King's Head)*			Bright Blue 154a

I have noticed that there are two printings of the first colours of the low values. The differences are most marked on the 2d. and 3d. values, which are noted above in italic type, as shade variations. The fundamental difference between the two printings is the change from cream to white paper and the change from fine lines of shading on the King's Head to heavier shading lines and the absence of white parts on the Head. Lastly, if the stamps of the second printing on the white paper are held face up, obliquely to light, the watermark shows up on the face of the stamp. I have placed the second printing as 1939/40, because the 3d. overprint on 2½d. issued in Nov. '40 is from the second printing and hence the former must have appeared on or before Nov. '40. I should be pleased to hear any comments on the above observations.

(Contributed by Mr. G. J. Raymond.)

BAHAMAS

New Post Offices

SHIRLEY STREET N.P. Closed 31st March 1958.
MACKEY STREET N.P. Opened 1st April 1958 (no TRD - steel die only).
McKENNONS, Long Island. Opened 23rd October 1958.
SEYMOURS, Long Island. Opened 23rd October 1958.
FORBES HILL, Exuma. Opened 1st December 1958.
FREEPORT, Grand Bahama. Opened 5th January 1959 (oval TRD).
SMITH POINT, Grand Bahama. Opened 14th February 1958.

The last five are all using TRD's. Riding Point, Grand Bahama will open soon as well as two other new out-island post offices.

General Information

A new TRD is reported for Deep Creek, Andros Is. and San Salvador TRD (Fox Town type) was used in early 1958 for out-island mail (local) only.

A letter to me from West End, Grand Bahama, recently arrived with a long straight-line handstamp "MISSENT TO TURKS ISLAND."

Re Mr. Ward's query (Bulletin No. 20, page 15) my Forces covers from the recent Nassau "strike" arrived with Bahamas stamps and usual Nassau postmark, bearing on the left front the rubber stamp cachet of the "Major/Commanding "A" Company/lst Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment" and on the reverse "Royal Victoria Hotel Co., Ltd." (where the troops were garrisoned).

Covers now to hand from SMITH POINT, FORBES HILL, and McKENNONS show use of TRD's of the FREEPORT oval type (Gisourn's Fig. 25).

(Contributed by Mr. M. Steward.)

BARBADOS

Postal Stationery Check List. Part 1.

As interest has recently been shown in the printed postcards of Barbados (Bulletin No. 21 p.28 and in this issue), perhaps members could assist me in compiling a check list of all the postal stationery of this colony. The details given are taken from my collection and I would appreciate any further information which members may be able to give.

1881 **1d Provisional card** with inscription in black at the top reading:

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
BARBADOS. - (BARBADE)
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE
Size 4½ x 3", white card bearing a copy of S.G.74

1½d Provisional card printed as above
Size 4 1/8 x 3 3/8" white card bearing a copy of S.G. Nos. 72 & 73
Quantity issued 2,000

1½d. Inscription at top in brown reading:

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
BARBADOS (BARBADE)
POST (Arms) CARD
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

Size 5½" x 3½", buff card. Stamp - Victorian Key Type - printed in brown (shades)

1½d. Details as above but printed in lilac.

1½d. Reply Paid Postcard. Details as above on both cards but with the added instruction on top card only reading. THE ANNEXED CARD IN INTENDED/FOR THE ANSWER/ (LA CARTE CI-JOINTE EST DESTINEE/A LA RESPONSE.)
Perforated (4½ mm. between holes) along fold.

To be continued.

(Contributed by Mr. B. B. Benwell.)

BARBADOS

The "Barred" Postmarks

Several members have kindly sent in further information on these, and this seems to be a suitable time to summarize the data collected at present.

With one or two exceptions, which will be mentioned later, the marks fall into two groups:

(a) those with four bars above the numeral and three below, and

(b) those with three bars above and four below.

In the following table the numbers in brackets indicate the number of examples which have been recorded.

Group (a)	Group (b)
No. 1 (121)	No. 2 (11)
5 (14)	3 (10)
6 (8)	4 (5)
7 (9)	10 (15)
8 (7)	11 (10)
9 (6)	

There were probably two handstamps of the commoner, No. 1, as two different types of the numeral have been reported, one in which the "1" is tall and thin, the other in which it is shorter and thicker. In view of the much larger quantity of mail passing through the G.P.O. Bridgetown it seems reasonable that two handstamps might have been used there, whilst only one was used at each of the Parish Offices.

Regarding the exceptions reported, these fall into two categories, (1) those in which there are three bars both above and below, and (2) those in which there is still a total of seven bars but in which the order is reversed from that given in the above table. My personal view about the first group of exceptions is that one of the bars failed to register; if my view is correct, that group of exceptions (and there are only a few) may be dismissed at once. Incidentally one mark was reported with 5 bars above and 3 below, but the fifth "bar" was distinctly curved and was probably the curved edge of the handstamp.

The second group of exceptions, however, cannot be dismissed so easily. In the following table I have given the number of exceptions reported for each of the Parish numbers.

No. 1 6	No. 5 1	No. 9 1
2 -	6 3	10 2
3 1	7 1	11 2
4 1	8 1	

In the case of the Nos. 4, 5, two of the No. 6, and No. 7 the members reporting these exceptions have since expressed some doubts about their original reports.

Unfortunately I have been unable to trace the origin of these marks. If they had been issued by the G.P.O. London I should have hoped to have found impressions of them in the G.P.O. records, but so far have failed to do so.

Two general suggestions have been put forward to account for the exceptions. First, the existence of more than one handstamp for each office. Apart from Bridgetown, already mentioned, this seems unlikely; and if there had been two handstamps I should have expected a much larger proportion of "exceptions"; unless, of course, the second mark in all the eleven post offices, had only a relatively short life. The other suggestion was that the numerals might have fallen out or been detached, and replaced in a reverse position. This naturally, would depend upon the make-up of the handstamps. If, however, they were similar to the Jamaican one which our President exhibited at the Autumn Meeting, this would be impossible, as the whole of the mark, bars and numeral, were cut in one piece of steel.

I hope that some members may have some definite information on these points, and if so I should be most grateful to receive it, together with any comments on the above notes. There may also be some members who have some of these barred cancellations and who have not yet let me have the details; I should be extremely pleased to receive them.

(Contributed by Mr. L. E. Britnor.)

Thanks are due to the following members who have already supplied the information used in these notes:—

Messrs. A. E. Beach, B. B. Benwell, J. Challis, G. W. Collett, F. Fordham, N. Garrod, G. W. Groves, P. W. Hosking, P. Jaffe, G. E. Osborne, H. H. Rossington, E. Spencer, V. N. F. Surtees, Dr. R. H. Urwick.

BARBADOS

I was interested to read in Bulletin No. 21, pages 28 & 29, the query regarding Barbados locally printed Post Cards.

I have one of these cards in mint condition the size being 4 7/8" x 3½". In addition I have another mint card with the same printed matter but a different setting as the final bracket after BARBADE in under the final "L" of UNIVERSELLE whereas in the first card it is before the first "L" of UNIVERSELLE. There are other differences. This second card is smaller (4½" x 3") and only bears one 1d stamp (there being no space provided for a ½d stamp).

(Contributed by Mr. W. A. Townsend, F.R.P.S.L.)

BARBADOS

I confirm Mr. Townsend's remarks above. I have two mint copies of the larger and one of the smaller card. I would add that the underlining to "The Address only to be written on this side" is distinctly heavier on the smaller card.

(Contributed by Mr. B. B. Benwell.)

BARBADOS

I have been meaning to write to you for some time regarding the Barbados queries in Bulletin No. 21, p. 29. I have in my possession two different postcards each covering S.G.72 and 73; both are mint, and I must say that I have never seen used copies.

(Contributed by Mr. E. K. Lickfold.)

BERMUDA

A small BERMUDA/PAID handstamp with two-line date (but without indication of the office of use) was registered at the G.P.O. in May, 1863 (Ludington type P 4). I have an identifiable but not very clear strike in red on a local letter with date AP 1-64, and I think this is the example recorded by Ludington. It is an insignificant little mark which does not readily attract attention. Has anyone seen this handstamp on anything other than a local letter, and was it superseded by the large type P 5 BERMUDA/ST. G/PAID (known from Feb. 1865) or was it continued in use after the arrival of the type P 5 handstamps?

(Contributed by Cdr. G. Bridgemore Brown, F.R.P.S.L.)

BERMUDA

I am endeavouring to compile a list of the Die and Plate Proofs of BERMUDA in private collections and to ascertain the number of copies of each that exist. In this connection information on the following points would be most helpful: Particulars of stamp or design; colour of proof: on paper or card; whether cut close or full-sized proof card: any date or notation on margin: whether handstamped or overprinted 'SPECIMEN' or 'CANCELLED' and if considered Die or Plate proof. Whilst I have already received information from some members I shall be very grateful if any others who possess such items or know of them to be in the possession of other people will advise our Hon. Secretary accordingly and at the same time include any data on the points referred to above.

(Contributed by Cdr. G. Bridgemore Brown, F.R.P.S.L.)

BRITISH GUIANA

T.P.O. North-West Steamer

In Bulletin No. 10, of July 1956, Mr. P. W. Hosking gave notes on what was known about this T.P.O. serving the N.W. District of B. Guiana. The D.R. date-stamp has, so far as I know, been recorded only for 1898-99, and Mr. Hosking assumed that it ceased operating about 1902. A very welcome Xmas card (1958) from a friend in the Colony was a photograph of the S.S. Parika, with a note that it was on the run from Georgetown to Morawhanna, N.W.D., from 1918 to 1929, with a T.P.O. on board. A few months ago I acquired a 1937 cover bearing a rectangular rubber stamp mark, which reads, "Posted on board, N.W. Steamer" (in two lines). I at once wrote to my friend and the gist of his answer is as follows:- About 1929 or 1930 the S.S. Parika was replaced by the S.S. Tarpon, which is still in service on the Georgetown-N.W.D, route. The S.S. Tarpon always had, and still has, a posting letter box on board. For some years the Purser on board used the cancellation "Posted on Board, N.W. Steamer." He may

not have been rated as an official Travelling Postal Agent. At present, letters are collected from the box and despatched to Morawhanna or Mabaruma, and, on the return trip, to Georgetown. I have a cover posted on board the Tarpon in April 1959. It now comes with no rubber stamp, but merely the arrival mark of Georgetown. Whether the rubber stamp should be regarded as a Ship's mark, or whether at one time it was used by a T.P.O., does not appear quite certain. As far as I know, no other copy of the mark has been recorded.

(Contributed by Mr. F. G. Howe.)

JAMAICA

Railway Postmarks

With reference to Mr W. K. Watson's article in Bulletin No. 20, pp. 9 and 10, perhaps the following details of examples in my collection may be of interest to Mr. Watson and other members who collect these postmarks:-

Type 1. Annotto (spelt Annatto) Bay, Clarendon Park, Kingston, Orange Bay, Porus, Richmond and Spanish Town.

Type 2. Annotto Bay, Clarendon Park, Grange Lane, Kingston, Orange Bay, Porus and Richmond.

Type 3. Grange Lane, May Pen and Spanish Town but both the latter have the plural "RAILWAYS."

NOTE:- I also have a "Luggage Dept" but am not sure of the type.

Although our President has informed Mr. Watson that 'Inverness' should be deleted from the list of station names I must mention that I have a very good specimen on piece - Type 3 - dated 21st August, 1923.

T.P.O.'s. I have two types of the single ring. One has a thin ring with 'JAMAICA' measuring 24mm and a dot between each end of JAMAICA and T.P.O. The other has a thick ring, 'JAMAICA' measuring 19mm. and no dot. My examples of the double ring are dated 1930 and 1932 respectively. My copy of the T.P.O.1 is dated 29.7.39 and that of T.P.0.2 ?.8.41. I have two copies of T.P.0.3 which are dated 28.2.39 and 4.2.45 respectively. My example with the asterisk (or star) is on cover dated 24.2.50 and may be a F.D.C.

(Contributed by Dr. R. H. Blackburn.)

JAMAICA

The Kingston Paquebot mark described by Mr. Chorlton (Bulletin No. 20) is well known to collectors of maritime postmarks. There are, in fact, two such double-ring marks (1) reading "PAQUEBOT" round the top and "KINGSTON - JAMAICA" round the bottom, which was in use from 1910-1926, and (2) reading "PAQUEBOT -

KINGSTON" round the top and "JAMAICA" round the bottom, in use from 1929-1939. I have the latter used again since the Second World War, without date (in 1948) and without year (1951) and it may very well still be in use. Most likely, one or other of these handstamps was in use between 1926 and 1929, but the dates are from examples I have or have recorded.

Kingston's first Paquebot mark was a straight-line "PAQUEBOT" in serifed capitals, measuring (with the period) 25 mm. in length, in a single frame 30 x 10 mm. It was in use from 1898 to 1908.

A machine mark with "PAQUEBOT" 38 mm. in length, in a rectangular box, taking the place of the more usual slogan, was in use from 1931-1939. Its re-use since the war has been recorded, but I have not yet seen an example.

(Contributed by Mr. G. W. Groves.)

JAMAICA

'I note in Bulletin No. 20, p. 11, Mr. J. D. Chorlton requests information on a Kingston, Jamaica Paquebot postmark. The mark to which he refers as well as other Jamaica and B.W.I. marks are catalogued by M. A. Studd in his 'Paquebot and Ship Letter Cancellations of the World 1894-1951' (Published by Robson Lowe - 1953). Studd lists four Paquebot postmarks for Jamaica. The first type which was a boxed handstamp consisted of the word 'PAQUEBOT' (4 mm. x 22½ mm.) in a 29 x 10½ mm. frame. This was normally used in conjunction with the Kingston double ring c.d.s. which served to cancel the stamps. I have an example on a cover to England postmarked 9 SEPT 1898. Studd gives the dates of use of this type which he calls A446 as from 1898 to 1908. The next type (Studd B193) is a 28 mm. c.d.s. with 'PAQUEBOT' at the top and 'KINGSTON - JAMAICA' at the bottom. Studd dates these as from 1910-1914 but among my examples I have 15 MAR 1915 on Colombia stamps and 3 DEC 1917 on Jamaica stamps. The third type (Studd B194) is also a c.d.s. but about 29½ mm. with 'PAQUEBOT - KINGSTON' at the top and 'JAMAICA' at the bottom. Studd lists this as in use from 1930-1938 and I have copies dated 1932, 1934 and 1935. The fourth type (Studd B195) is a duplex machine cancel with the right hand portion consisting of a boxed 'PAQUEBOT' in lieu of the usual slogan or bars.

(Contributed by Lt.-Col. Fred F. Seifert.)

JAMAICA

I have recently acquired a Jamaica cover postmarked 21 DEC 1880 at Kingston which has on the face a double line handstamp in black sans-serif letters 3 mm. high:

RAILWAY LETTER BOX
SPANISH TOWN

The overall dimensions are 46 mm. x 9¼ mm. and as I can find no record of this mark I wonder if any member can provide some information.

(Contributed by Lt.-Col. Fred F. Seifert.)

LEEWARD ISLANDS

May I contribute the following comments on Mr. Toeg's description of an Antiguan cover (Bulletin No. 21. pages 32-33). The Antiguan who sent an air-mail cover to England on Sept. 26th, 1929 may not have been quite so silly as Mr. Toeg thinks, for I do not think that Mr. Toeg has got all his facts right. Pan-American's F.A.M. route 6 was inaugurated in mid-1929. I am not sure at what date St. John's received its first call, but Sept. 22nd is probable. At all events, on Sept. 23rd F.A.M.6 was extended to Paramaribo, and I have a First Flight cover from Br. Guiana to Paramaribo, with that arrival date. (Thus Mr. Toeg's list of points of call should have Paramaribo added, after Demerara). Two days later came the return flight. I have a First Flight cover from Br. Guiana to Trinidad, dated 25th Sept. This was the first opportunity for the despatch of north-bound air-mail, to all points as far as Miami. I have little doubt that Antigua got this opportunity on Sept. 26th, 1929; and the sender of Mr. Toeg's cover was making early use of what remained up to 1939 the fastest method of getting a letter to England, viz: to U.S.A. by air-mail, and thence by sea-mail. Unfortunately, he seems to have missed the post for the "First Flight," and so his letter had to revert to sea-post. Hence the obliteration of the air-mail label.

(Contributed by Mr. F. G. Howe.)

LEEWARD ISLANDS

The following may be of help to Mr. E. V. Toeg:

From my Leeward Islands collection, I selected ten St. Kitts covers dated between April 5, 1892 and January 2, 1900. All clearly show the duplex "A12" of the upright oval type. All are the three bar type and each c.d.s. has the letter "C" over the date. The cancellations are as follows:

1. "St. Kitts C AP 5 92" 2½d envelope to London, England.
2. "St. Kitts C JY 7 92" 2½d envelope to St. Thomas, D.W.I.
3. "St. Kitts C JA 11 96" S.G.8 registered to New York, New York.
4. "St. Kitts C JY 22 97" S.G.10 (6) to Basseterre, St. Kitts.
5. "St. Kitts C JY 22 97" S.G.12 to Boston, Massachusetts.
6. "St. Kitts C JY 30 97" S.G.10 (6) to Basseterre, St. Kitts.
7. "St. Kitts C AU 13 97" S.G.3 to Middleton, Canada.
8. "St. Kitts C JU 19 99" 1d postcard to Castries, St. Lucia.
9. "St. Kitts C JY 22 97" S.G.12 to New York, New York.
10. "St. Kitts C JA 2 00" 1½d postcard to Basseterre, St. Kitts.

This would seem to indicate that the duplex cancellation used in St. Kitts until 1900 was the three bar vertical oval type and that the letter "C" always appeared above the date in the circular date stamp. A study of many pairs off cover further substantiates this premise.

Four covers from Nevis show the duplex "A09" of the vertical oval type. All are the four bar type and each c.d.s. has the letter "A" over the date. These are as follows:

1. "Nevis A FE 17 00" S.G.3 (2) to London, England.
2. "Nevis A NO 21 00" S.G.1 (2) used locally.
3. "Nevis A FE 16 03" S.G.25 to London, England.
4. "Nevis A JA 17 06" S.G.17, 18, 19 to London, England.

A fifth cover:

5. "Nevis A JA 14 91" S.G.1 on 1d postcard to London, England has the four bar "A09" vertical oval obliterator but it is not the duplex type.

I have also found the three bar "A09" horizontal oval obliterator on single stamps but assume this is not a duplex cancellation as no trace of the c.d.s. is evident.

Mr. Toeg mentions the letters "A" and "B" over the date in "Tortola" circular date stamps. I only find the letter "C" in the earlier cancellations as follows:

1. "Tortola C DE 15 90" S.G.5 registered to New York.
2. "Tortola C FE 21 94" S.G.2 to St. Thomas, D.W.I.
3. "Tortola C AP 3 94" S.G.5 to London, England.

Another constant is the letter "C" over the date in the early "All Saints, Antigua" c.d.s. I have 20 Victorian singles and one cover and the letter "C" appears on all 21.

I can find nothing to indicate that abbreviated village marks are used in other than St. Kitts. I also agree that "CA" refers to Cayon.

I can find no evidence, and do not believe, that duplex cancellations were used in Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, or the Virgin Islands.

Unfortunately, I do not know what the letters "A", "B" and "C" refer to. Could they be types or grades of Post Offices? I believe the "C" over the date on the St. Kitts c.d.s. was eliminated about 1930. I find it on all stamps through until 1929.

1. "St. Kitts C 25 FE 29" S.G. 79 to Huddersfield, England.
2. "St. Kitts C 12 AP 29 CAYON"
   "St. Kitts C 12 AP 29" S.G.79 to Bristol, England.

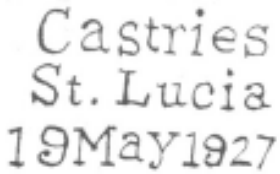
However, in 1932 the "C" has been replaced by a star or asterisk.

1. "Anguilla Valley 8 JA 32"
   "St. Kitts * 13 JA 32" S.G.63 (2) to Castries, St. Lucia.

(Contributed by Mr. C. D. Paton.)

ST. LUCIA

"In response to Mr. H. H. Rossington's enquiry in Bulletin No. 17, p.23, the Crowned Circle 'Paid at St. Lucia' was used at Castries from the 6th to 9th May 1904 following the exhaustion of the stock of the first Edwards and before the arrival of a second supply. Incidentally I do not believe it is generally appreciated that this strike was used under similar circumstances in October 1864.



During the past year or so I have seen, on several occasions, covers bearing the cancellation illustrated at very high prices, I would like to warn those members, who may not already be aware of the fact, that this was neither approved nor issued by the Post Office and is entirely bogus.

(Contributed by Dr. B. de Burca)

TRINIDAD

Colour Trials in the Surface Printed Britannia Design

Colour Trials exist of both the ½d and 1d values in the design of Stanley Gibbons illustration No. 11. The ½d comes with the design in dull purple, and also in green, with the value tablet in various colours in each case. These are printed on unwatermarked paper. The 1d is found in a wide variety of colours, most of which are also on the various coloured papers. More often than not these are on the Crown CA watermarked paper.

The question now arises of settling the issue or issues for which these colour trials were prepared. Everything points to the following conclusions:-

1. The ½d colour trials were for the 1896 issue (S.G.114-124).
2. The 1d colour trials were for the colour changes of 1901 and 1902-3 (S.G.126, 130-133 which all belong to the same series).

That the ½d colour trials must have been made before 1893 is established by the fact that Essays made in that year for a 3d stamp, exist with the surcharges on these ½d colour trials. There is also the additional point that doubly fugitive purple or green were the colours suggested by De La Rue*, and eventually chosen respectively for the ½d to 6d and 1/- to £1 values of the 1896 issue.

As regards the 1d colour trials it is a fair surmise that these came into being as follows: on 20th February 1900 the Crown Agents wrote requesting De La Rue to furnish specimens of the three doubly fugitive inks on different coloured papers. On 26th February De La Rue submitted the colour scheme they recommended with a "variety of other combinations"†. It may also be noted that these 1d colour trials have the same oval "O" in "One" as did the new duty plate for the 1d value (S.G. 116), which was invoiced on 28th December 1899.

(Contributed by Mr. J. B. Marriott.)

* De La Rue History - John Easton (Faber & Faber) - page 559.
† Ibid - page 651.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

The first number of our Bulletin was issued in April 1954 and it has been my pleasure to be responsible, in a 'back room' capacity, for the editing of its contents. With the steady growth, however, of our membership during the past five years, the routine work of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer alone take up a considerable amount of my leisure time. I have therefore decided that the time has arrived for the editorship to be the sole responsibility of one person. At our Fifth Anniversary Meeting one of our earliest members - Mr. B. B. Benwell - volunteered to undertake the task and his appointment as Hon. Editor was formally confirmed. As will have been observed in the caption to 'Notes and Queries' all contributions should be sent direct to him at the address which is given in our 'shop window'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have supported me in the past and to express the hope that they will continue to send in material for inclusion in future issues. Notwithstanding the inevitable wastage occasioned by lapsed subscriptions, resignations and those who, unhappily, have passed on, our paid-up membership shows little change at 190. Once again it is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the following who have enrolled as members since our last issue: L. Kimball, J. J. Post (Netherlands), T. Stevenson, Miss A. Whitehead and R. Topaz (U.S.A.). Included with this issue you will find a questionnaire form requesting information the reason for which is threefold. Firstly to enable me to bring my records up-to-date, secondly to provide data that will be of great assistance to our Publications Sub-Committee and lastly to ensure the accuracy, as far as possible, of a list of members specifying their respective interests which it is hoped to send out as a supplement to the January 1960 issue. Needless to say I hope all members will be good enough to co-operate by sending their completed forms to me as soon as possible.

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